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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the compulsory attendance age of certain
2 specified children.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 299.1A, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2022,
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 1. a. Except as provided in subsections 2 and 3, a child
4 who has reached the age of six and is under sixteen years of age
5 by September 15 is of compulsory attendance age. However, if
6 a child enrolled in a school district or accredited nonpublic
7 school reaches the age of sixteen on or after September 15, the
8 child remains of compulsory age until the end of the regular
9 school calendar.

10 b. Notwithstanding paragraph "a", the parent or guardian of
11 a child who has reached the age of six on or after September 1,
12 but before October 1, may elect whether to have the child be
13 considered to be of compulsory attendance age for purposes of
14 this subsection by notifying the school district in writing.
15 The child of a parent or guardian who makes an election under
16 this paragraph to have the child not be considered to be of
17 compulsory attendance age under this subsection shall be
18 considered to be of compulsory attendance age under subsection
19 2.

20 2. a. A child who has reached the age of five by September
21 15 and who is enrolled in a school district shall be considered
22 to be of compulsory attendance age unless the parent or
23 guardian of the child notifies the school district in writing
24 of the parent's or guardian's intent to remove the child from
25 enrollment in the school district.

26 b. Notwithstanding paragraph "a", the parent or guardian of
27 a child who has reached the age of five on or after September
28 1, but before October 1, may elect whether to have the child be
29 considered to be of compulsory attendance age for purposes of
30 this subsection by notifying the school district in writing.

31 EXPLANATION

32 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
33 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

34 This bill relates to the compulsory attendance age of
35 certain specified children.

1 The bill provides that if a child enrolled in a school
2 district or accredited nonpublic school was born in the
3 month of September, once the child reaches the age of six,
4 the child's parent or guardian may elect for the child to be
5 considered to be five years of age for purposes of Code section
6 299.1A(2) by providing written notice to the school district.

7 The bill provides that if a child was born in the month of
8 September, once the child reaches the age of five, the child's
9 parent or guardian may elect whether to have the child be
10 considered of compulsory attendance age for purposes of Code
11 section 299.1A(2) by providing written notice to the school
12 district.